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Dr. Falconer,

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Dear Sir:-

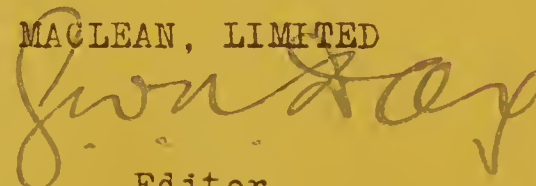
We are writing to request that you favor us with an expression of your views in connection with the leading editorial, "Educational Facilities for the Clayworker," in our Annual Brick Number of December 10, a copy of which we trust you will have received by this time. The subject is a most important one and it seems to us that the present would be a most opportune time for the inauguration of a discussion, in view of the fact that the Canadian Clay Products Manufacturers' Association are now completing arrangements for their annual convention which is to be held in Toronto next month.

Doubtless you will recognize the need for educational facilities in Canada for those desirous of taking up ceramic engineering or of identifying themselves with the clayworking industry. Better education in the trade is undoubtedly the keynote to better workmanship and so we are advocating the claims of the technical school rather than those of the University.

The time is opportune for an active movement to be started and we shall be glad if you will contribute your views to the discussion which we are originating in our columns.

Yours very truly,

HUGH C. MACLEAN, LIMITED



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December 13th, 1913

G. M. N. Day, Esq.,

Editor, "Contract Record",

220 King Street West,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Day:

The copy of the "Contract Record" has just reached me this morning, and I have not yet had time to read it, but I will do so if I can to-day, and endeavour to send you something with regard to the education of the clayworkers of the Dominion.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 10th, 1913

To the Editor of "Contract Record and Engineering Review".

Dear Sir:

I have read with a great deal of interest your article on "Educational Facilities for the Clayworker" which appeared in the issue for December 10. It seems to me we must before long develop greatly our educational facilities for those who are engaged in this industry, which is becoming one of the largest in the Dominion, and is of especial value to the people of this Province and the district around Toronto.

You are right, I believe, in making a distinction between the education that the University may afford and that which can be provided in the Technical Schools. We have made a very small beginning in the way of giving instruction in Ceramics for the man who is to become an engineer, and I have no doubt that before long this will be developed into a department of considerable importance. Indeed, as you mention in your article, nothing but financial difficulty has stood in the way of its development long before this. We are at present endeavouring to lay the foundation of such a department. This, however, would be intended, as in the case of the other university faculties, to train the man in charge of large constructive works, the investigator into the quality of clays, and the research student, who might be of immense commercial value to the community. There is on the other hand the workman, the artificer, the foreman, whose skill the community requires. More and more we must think of his education. If we had a large department of Ceramics, we might be able

to establish short courses for him in the interval until a trade school was established under the auspices of the Technical School, and such a trade school as this should before long have a place in our community. It is one of the steps that is necessary for the development of our workers. I hope, therefore, that we may look forward to having in the near future a full equipment for the education of workers in days, whether he be a director or engineer in charge of the intelligent foreman and high class artificer who will take pleasure in understanding his work and producing the best possible results.

Yours,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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December 20th, 1913

G. W. N. Day, Esq.,

Editor, "Contract Record",

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Day:

Many thanks for your letter, especially for the announcement that a gentleman who prefers to remain unknown at present is willing to take a share in the establishment of a chair of Ceramics. I trust that we may be able soon to have this arranged.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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January 8th, 1914

G. W. N. Day, Esq.,

Editor "Contract Record".

Dear Mr. Day:

Many thanks for the copy of the "Contract Record" which I have just received. I note with much interest the discussion on the educational facilities of the clayworker, and I hope that we may be able to get some result from it.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

